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IN BERLIN

REF: A. BONN 20862

B. USBERLIN 0009

C. BONN 6355 (4/22/74)

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY ANALYSIS (REF A), AND
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CONCURS WITH EMBASSY AND USBERLIN VIEW (REF B) THAT MEETING

OF BUNDESTAG PRESIDUM AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS IN BERLIN
WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE VIOLATION OF QA. THE ALLIES HAVE
ALREADY IMPLIED AS MUCH TO THE SOVIETS IN THEIR REPLY (REF
C) TO MOSCOW'S JANUARY 2, 1974 PROTEST AGAINST AN EARLIER
MEETING WHICH, IN FACT, DID NOT TAKE PLACE.

2. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN GENERAL APPROACH SUGGESTED BY
EMBASSY (PARA 18, REF. A). HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD
BE BEEFED UP IF POSSIBLE TO MAKE UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR TO
GERMANS THAT, WHILE THE FINAL DECISION IS THEIRS, USG
QUESTIONS WHETHER THE MEETINGS WOULD BENEFIT BERLIN. YOU
MAY WISH TO POINT OUT BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT'S EARLIER STATE-
MENT (PARA THREE, REF A) THAT SHE WAS OPPOSED TO A MEETING

IN BERLIN IF THERE WERE NO SPECIFIC AND PRACTICAL REASON
FOR IT. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE BELIEVE US REP SHOULD
LEAVE IT TO FRG TO SUGGEST REASONS AND AVOID GIVING
IMPRESSION THAT WE OULD CONSIDER INSPECTION AND ADMINIS-
TRATION OF REICHSTAG BUILDING SUFFICIENT TO MAKE A
MEETING IN BERLIN ADVISABLE. KISSINGER

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